

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 555
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ashley Lorraine Kissick,
2003 Valedictorian of William Blount High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Lorraine Kissick is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at William Blount High School, placing first among her 361 classmates; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Kissick has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and in our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ashley Kissick has earned an exemplary 4.7857 grade point average; she has been honored with academic letters in Math,

English, Science, and Social Studies and has competed in the piano and art categories at the Roane State Academic Festival; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young woman, Ms. Kissick is a talented artist who has produced art work for Special Olympics, the school musical, *Copacabana*, the mural for *Festival of Foods*, and the *Reptile/Amphibian Field Guide*; and

WHEREAS, Ashley is also a staff member for and has been published in the William Blount literary arts magazine, *Expressions*; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a valuable member of the Spanish Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, DECA, the Art Club, and the Beta Club, which she served as Senior Advisor; and

WHEREAS, a *Daily Times* Calendar Girl, Ashley enjoys bicycling, horseback riding, and playing piano in her spare time; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Kissick's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she will attend Maryville College this fall through the auspices of three scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kissick's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Kathy Kalisek, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Kissick's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 William Blount High School Valedictorian, Ashley Lorraine Kissick, on her impressive academic achievement, extending to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.